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BRUSSELS FOR FAA

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SUBJ: AIR SAFETY, NEPAL

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1. WE FULLY

UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE FORCE OF POINTS MADE
IN REFTTEL CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF VISIT OF FAA REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONTEXT RECENT AIR CRASHES IN NEPAL. WE DO NOT PRESS
THIS SUGGESTION FURTHER BUT LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT REGULAR
VISIT OF FAA REPRESENTATIVE GAMMON AT WHICH TIME HIS OBSERVA-
TIONS ON MAINTENANCE AND AIR SAFETY WILL BE VERY MUCH WELCOMED
BY THE EMBASSY.

2. GON HAS SET IN TRAIN A FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF THE CRASH
OF THE PILATUS PORTER AIRCRAFT, WITH A PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED
INVESTIGATORY BODY ON WHICH THE RESIDENT ICAO EXPERT, SWEDISH
NATIONAL AND FORMER JAL PILOT LARS STARCK, WILL SERVE AS
ADVISER. ALTHOUGH RNAC MANAGER D.B. RANA TOLD AMBASSADOR
THAT INVESTIGATION WILL BE COMPLETE - NOTHING COVERED UP -
AND THAT RESULTS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT
PACE OF INVESTIGATION IS VERY SLOW. WE UNDERSTAND GON HAS
ALSO INDICATED ITS INTEREST IN ACCEPTING A UNDP PROPOSAL,
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PENDING FOR A YEAR, FOR AN EIGHT-MAN TEAM TO ASSIST THE

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION IN A NUMBER OF KEY AREAS, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES. CARGO

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